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SUBJECT: KOREAN QUESTION

REF: SANAA 407 (NOTAL)

1. DURING MARCH 19 CALL ON SHAIKH ABDALLAH BIN HUSAYN AL-- AHMAR, PRESIDENT OF YAR CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY, AMBASSADOR ASKED ABOUT RECENT VISIT OF NORTH KOREAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION, FOR WHICH AL- AHMAR SERVED AS HOST.

2. AL- AHMAR LAUGHINGLY CONFIRMED THAT HE HAD POINTEDLY REMARKED IN WELCOMING SPEECH THAT NORTH KOREANS HAD COME AT OWN REQUEST, NOT YARG INVITATION. VISIT HAD BEEN PART OF LONGER TRIP TO NUMBER OF COUNTRIES AS

NORTH KOREANS HAD PRESSED FOR YARG SUPPORT OF THEIR ANNUAL DEMANDS AT UN FOR WITHDRAWAL OF AMERICAN TROOPS AND UN PRESENCE FROM SOUTH. NORTH KOREANS ARGUED FAMILIARLY THAT REMOVAL THIS PRESENCE WOULD SPEED UNIFICATION.

3. AL- AHMAR SAID HE HAD REPLIED THAT, IF THIS REASON-
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ING TRUE, ALL COMMUNISTS SHOULD WITHDRAW FROM ADEN AS THEIR PRESENCE IS BLOCKING YEMENI ULESH. NEVERTHELESS, HE EXPECTS YAR TO FOLLOW NON- ALIGNED CONSENSUS AT UN.

4. AMBASSADOR REPLIED ALONG LINES PREVIOUS GUIDANCE THAT US TROOPS WERE IN SOUTH KOREA UNDER UN FLAG, PLACED THERE IN ACCORDANCE UNSC RESOLUTION OF 1950 TO DEFEND COUNTRY AGAINST NORTH KOREAN AGGRESSION. TO WITHDRAW THEM, PLUS UN PRESENCE, WOULD HARM NOT HELP, CHANCES FOR UNITY BY WEAKENING SOUTH'S POSITION AT TIME WHEN BOTH SIDES IN CONTACT.

5. FOR USUN. AT NEW EMBASSY WE DO NOT HAVE RECORD OF PREVIOUS YAR VOTING ON KOREAN ITEMS. WOULD APPRECIATE SUMMARY OF PAST THREEYEARS FOR USE IN FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH FONMIN EF AL.

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